

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed February 23, 2005, in which claims 2-6 and 14-20 were allowed over the prior art of record and claims 8-9 and 11-13 were objected to as containing allowable subject matter. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the comments set forth below.

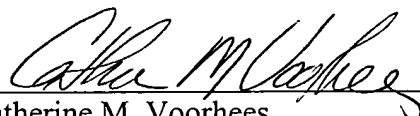
By this Amendment, indicated allowable claim 8 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 7, claims 10-13 are amended to depend from amended claim 8, and claims 1 and 7 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 9-13 depend directly from indicated allowable claim 8. Claims 2-6, and 8-20 are pending in the instant application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of record be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 2-6, 8-13, and 14-20 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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